

Serving former foster care females in their transition to independence.

From the Founder/Director



First, I'd like to thank God for his vision and provision! It was over twenty years ago that I received the burden to serve teens in foster care. My original plan was a group home for foster girls. As time passed, my desire evolved into helping females who've aged out of the system. After much research, I discovered that this population is most likely to

experience homelessness, pregnancy, sex trafficking and many more misfortunes. James 1:27 clarifies it is our responsibility to help the orphans. So, the journey began in January 2018 to form Crossroads Transitional Living Program. Here we are a year later ready to accept participants. This is truly a dream turned into reality.

Our Accomplishments

CTLTP welcomes Christina Belcher as the House Manager. Christina has moved in and is assisting in organizing the home in preparation of our first participant.

CTLTP registered with United Way Connection in an effort to establish volunteers for mentors, special projects and events. In addition, Foster Progress has partnered with CTLTP to provide training for our mentors.

You helped to make it possible!

Your generous donation has helped us to open our

doors and launch our new program. On Saturday, December 15, 2018 CTLTP hosted a private open house for our donors. We had a great turn out and plan to keep you updated with our newsletter. The CTLTP home is located on Reynolds Street in Springfield, IL.

The Crossroads Transitional Living Program goal is to be a safety net for former foster care females as they transition to independence.

Thanks to you, we can assist four former foster care females move beyond survival and press toward their dreams.

CTLTP is a 501c3 organization and all donation are tax deductible. Donation statements will be mailed by January 31, 2019.

From the House Manager



We are very excited to announce that Crossroads Transitional Living Program is officially open!! It seemed like a long season of waiting and preparation, but when you consider all that needed to be done over the past year, it's truly a miracle that everything came together so quickly! Thanks in large part to you who have

supported and helped us along the way, we opened our doors on December 15th, 2018!

With our opening coinciding so closely with Christmas, I have been spending a fair bit of time during the last few weeks meditating on the Christmas story, and

especially what Mary’s perspective might have been as she stepped into God’s plan for her life.

For Mary, the whole story started with some unexpected news – something seemingly impossible that God wanted to do through her. In spite of all she must have realized that it would cost her to be obedient to His plan, she chose to say yes.

I am so grateful for all the “yeses” that have been said on behalf of CTLP. From Director Crites’ initial obedience to the vision God was giving her, to the obedience of all those who have felt the pull to be involved – through prayer, or finances, or volunteering, or donating goods, or fixing things, or hosting a fundraiser, or spreading the word, or any and every other way that you have helped – thank you! I am grateful, too, that the Lord brought me to the place of saying my own “yes.” I wish I could say I was as quick to submit to His will as Mary was (“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38), but I am glad that in the end, He brought me to the point of submission.

Once Mary made herself available to be the instrument of the Lord, many sacrifices must have been required. In that day and age, she might have been cast out and horribly shamed based on the appearance that she had been unfaithful to her betrothed, Joseph. Perhaps her life could have even been in danger. Certainly her reputation had to be laid down upon the altar of obedience. Thankfully, the Lord provided in what must have been her time of need by leading Joseph to choose to shelter Mary, in spite of how things appeared.

Bringing CTLP to this point, too, has required many sacrifices – from those who are pouring their time and energy and resources into running the program, and from those of you who are coming alongside and helping. Many things have had to be laid down and surrendered to the Lord in trust that He will make provision in the places of our need. But we choose to rejoice in the emptying, as we see that over and over again He is faithful to make abundance out of nothing!

Finally, Mary must have experienced great expectation as she prepared herself to be a mother to this Divine Child. She would have had to make the usual

preparations for motherhood – even though this was anything but a usual pregnancy. I imagine that there must have been a mix of fear and of great excitement as the time drew near for Jesus to be born – not knowing exactly what God would do, but knowing she was in the midst of something amazing.

As we are completing our final preparations at our new home and making everything ready for the girls that will come to be a part of CTLP, I am also feeling that great expectancy! Yes, there are some unknowns, and some scary-looking things that we could and will face. And much hard work will be required all along. But more than anything, I feel the excitement of getting to be part of whatever God is doing in the lives of each young lady that will call Crossroads home! We know that He has brought us this far, and that He will be faithful to complete the work He has begun – in each and every one of our lives!



Wish List

- (4) Twin headboards
- (2) Nightstands
- (2) Dressers
- Paper towels
- Toilet Tissue
- Kleenex
- Dish Liquid
- Detergent
- Cleaning Supplies
- Body Wash/Soap
- Hand Soap

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